

V. APPENDICES –

- A. Comments received at public meetings or during the 30 day comment period
- B. Additional Support for the Coastal Impact Assistance Plan

APPENDIX A – PUBLIC COMMENTS

June 4, 2001 – 6:30PM
Jefferson Parish Council Chambers
2nd Floor, Yenni Building
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd.
Jefferson, Louisiana

The following are general comments recorded at the public hearing:

- One attendee questioned where the money for CIAP came from.
- Did the selection committee review only the 65% share (state) of projects?
- Was there public input on parish projects?
- What is the last day for written comments?
- Mr. Kelly Haggard of Riparian, Inc. commented that the St. Tammany projects were never included on their New Directions 2025 agenda in the last four months. He stated that he was on the steering committee. They have received a DEQ grant for the projects. He also said that the ND 2025 group did not know anything about these projects. (see attached written comments)
- Is there any recourse to do something about “bad” projects in any parish?
- There was concern about support for CARA’s rebirth. Afraid that people will see this program as a perk. Not enough public notice given.
- Were priorities set by parishes?
- Money should be spent on coastal restoration – but some infrastructure projects are needed due to impacts of OCS activities.
- Disappointed that joint Jefferson/Plaquemines project didn’t make it into the plan. Jefferson Parish is willing to cost share, take money out of other projects.
- Will there be monitoring? Evaluation of projects?

June 11, 2001 – 6:30 PM
Coastal Habitats and Fisheries Building
1st Floor Conference Room
646 Cajundome Blvd.
Lafayette, LA

The following are general comments recorded at the public hearing:

- Regarding St. Martin Parish – Four Mile Bayou Road – area is not suitable for development. Automobile tires are dumped along the road. This is a private road to a boat launch. There is no shoulder. There are no oilfields out there. “They should take the tires out of the swamp.” State land is leased for camp sites.

Additional written comments follow.



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Attn: Mr. Gerald Duszynski
Deputy Assistant Secretary

RE: LA Coastal Impact Assistance Plan (CIAP)
Shoreline Restoration and Stabilization –
LA Trace Road @ the Amite River
Livingston Parish
F&T Job No. 81170

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this correspondence is to comment on the above referenced project and the public meeting that was held on Monday, June 11, 2001 in Lafayette, Louisiana. The draft copy of the referenced plan near the top of page 18, states:

Total Funds Requested:	\$299,090
Parish CIAP Funds:	\$299,090
State CIAP Funds:	\$0
Infrastructure:	\$0

The project, as referenced, proposes **to restore and stabilize the shoreline on the Amite River**, adjacent to Louisiana Trace Road, approximately 1.7 miles from LA Hwy. 16 in Livingston Parish. Presently, the shoreline is littered with white goods and other discarded debris. Prior to commencement of the proposed project, the parish will remove miscellaneous debris and accumulated items from the **shoreline areas where restoration will occur**.

During the meeting, it was stated that this project was classified as an infrastructure project. We agree that the project is adjacent to the LA Trace Road, however we disagree that this project should be classified as infrastructure for the following reasons:

1. Livingston Parish citizens utilize the many rivers located within the parish for outdoor activities including, recreational fishing, boating, camping and general water sports. Numerous citizens live adjacent to the Amite River along La Trace Road. Shoreline erosion in this area of Livingston parish is problematic and severe. When Livingston

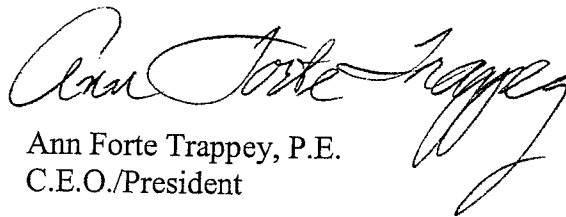
Parish was given the opportunity to apply for funding that could be used for shoreline restoration, this area became a priority.

2. In addition aquatic vegetation, invertebrate life, water quality and vegetative habitats located at this area of the Amite River have also been greatly impacted by serious shoreline erosion. The proposed project was specifically targeted to improve the habitat.
3. The project activities do not include any upgrading, elevation changes or resurfacing for La Trace Road. No roadway infrastructure activities are proposed. The Amite River bank has eroded in many areas along LA. Trace Road. The shoreline restoration of the River in this area will help to maintain the integrity of the bank for recreation, fish habitat and the general ecosystem.

Should you have any additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

FORTE AND TABLADA, INC.



Ann Forte Trappey, P.E.
C.E.O./President

AFT/tcl

cc: Robert J. Badeaux, V.P., F&T

From: "Riparian, Inc." <Riparian@bellsouth.net>
To: "Gerry Duszynski" <GERRYD@dnr.state.la.us>
Date: 6/14/01 10:38AM
Subject: Comments About the St Tammany Parish CIAP Application

No, I haven't forgotten, and, no, I'm not going to hit you two with a mass of comments on short notice. In fact, this short note is just to let you both know that I won't be commenting upon the CIAP program, for these reasons:

1. Both of your hands are tied about the parish's 35% share, so what's the point of putting more in writing than I already told you on the 4th?
2. Gov. Foster is obviously not going to reverse anything in the 65% share St. Tammany got from the state, so what's the point of complaining there?
3. Both the downtown HQ and the St. Tammany bureau of the Times-Picayune have each passed on covering the "how and why" of +\$700K being handed out in this way, so what's the point?

If I were to play in this in the future, I would focus my efforts on CARA, or the next CIAP (if there is one), to persuade the western state opponents of CARA not to let Louisiana locals have money (a) with no strings attached (b) that they can spend in virtual secrecy.

Thanks for listening anyway,

Kelly M. Haggar
GPS/IS Manager

P.S. I'll be moving to Baton Rouge next month, around the 13th, and this address will not be coming with me.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Gerry Duszynski" <GERRYD@dnr.state.la.us>
To: <Riparian@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2001 10:10 AM
Subject: Re: St Tammany Parish CIAP Application

I have asked some one on my staff to fax you the requested pages. However, the entire plan is now on the web page. at www.dnr.state.la.us

If you have any other questions, let me know.

>>> "Riparian, Inc." <Riparian@bellsouth.net> 06/01/01 09:58AM >>>
If St Tammany has a CIAP application, could you e-mail me a copy, or else fax a copy to (985) 649-2114?

Driving to Baton Rouge to look at it is hardly reasonable and I would like the chance to read the app before I attend the Elmwood mtg on the 4th.

In fact, if you have the whole CIAP posted on the Net somewhere, could you send me a link/the URL for it?

Thx

(Mr.) Kelly M. Haggar
(985) 649-3633

CC: <lornag@mindspring.com>



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Gerry Duszynski
OCRM Deputy Assistant Secretary
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DNR - Office of Coastal
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Dear Mr. Duszynski:

In response to comments made at the June 4, 2001 public meeting on the Draft Louisiana Coastal Impact Assistance Plan, specifically those comments concerning CIAP projects in St. Tammany Parish, I offer the following:

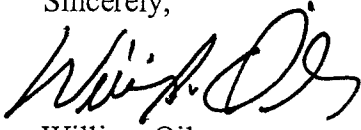
The proposed "Comprehensive Environmental Management Plan for St. Tammany Parish" is in no way a duplication of the work scope approved by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for the "Water Quality Improvement Through Watershed Planning and Management" grant. On the one hand the LDEQ watershed planning grant is tailored toward studying the impact of land use and development patterns on specific watersheds, as well as the effect non-point source pollution associated with said patterns has had on the watersheds in question. On the other hand, the "Comprehensive Environmental Management Plan for St. Tammany Parish" will address the identification of a wide range of critical and sensitive areas and resources in the Parish and developing means for protecting them, including, but not limited to, habitat areas, wetlands, floodplains, agricultural areas, tree resources, cultural and historical resources, and other environmental resources.

Even though the findings of each grant's work scope will complement one another, they do not duplicate, nor replicate, each other. Furthermore, I have attached the minutes of the May 14, 2001 New Directions 2025 Steering Committee meeting at which St. Tammany's CIAP funding requests were discussed and at no time did any member of the Steering Committee, including Mr. Kelly Hagar, object to proposed projects.

The proposed Bayou Liberty Watershed Study will address the need to develop a plan for protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Bayou Liberty basin. Comments were made at the public hearing alleging that the Parish requested funding of this study in order to develop data by which to stem an annexation request by an incorporated area. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Parish has struggled for years to come up with funding to study the Bayou Liberty basin, hence our request for CIAP funds to fund the study. The proposed study of this major basin is vitally important to assisting Parish officials in establishing best management practices for environmentally sensitive areas like Bayou Liberty.

I sincerely hope this clear up any confusion or misconceptions about the above mentioned projects that have been brought about by ill-informed and misguided assertions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Oiler', with a stylized, cursive script.

William Oiler
Chief Administrative Officer

Lafourche Parish Council

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RE: RESOLUTION NO. 01-192

Dear Sir/Madame:

The Lafourche Parish Council, convened in regular session on May 08, 2001, adopted Resolution No. 01-192 (see attached), a Resolution Supporting the Application of Funding from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program Projects Submitted by Lafourche Parish, State of Louisiana.

If I may assist you with further information on this or other matters before you concerning Lafourche Parish Government, please contact me at (504) 446-8427, ext. 238, by fax at (504) 449-4012 or e-mail at lpccc@mobiletel.com.

Sincerely,

LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL



Joel Pierce
Council Clerk

Attachment

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Joseph "Joe" Fertitta, District 4
Rhebb R. Rybiski, District 5



Lindel Toups, District 6
L. Phillip Gouaux, II, District 7
Darryl Marlborough, District 8
Daniel Lorraine, District 9

On motion by Lindel Toups, and seconded by Roland Soignet, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-192

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF FUNDING FROM THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY LAFOURCHE PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, Louisiana is receiving funding for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) impacts mitigation from Coastal Impact Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Lafourche Parish; mainly Port Fourchon, has been determined by the U.S. Department of Interior Minerals Management Services to be a focal point of OCS impacts; and

WHEREAS, Lafourche Parish is also experiencing tremendous coastal land loss problems; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lafourche Parish Council, convened in a regular session on May 08, 2001, that it does hereby request that the State of Louisiana Department of Natural Resources approve funding for the Preliminary Design of the Leeville Bridge Proposal, South Lafourche Levee Lock Proposal, and the Coastal Restoration Proposal submitted by Lafourche Parish, State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources; and Lafourche Parish President, Gerald Breaux; and the Lafourche Parish Department of Public Works.

**DARRYL MARLBROUGH, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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RE: **RESOLUTION NO. 01-190**

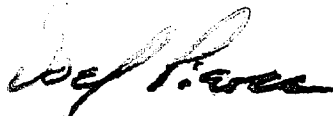
Dear Sir/Madame:

The Lafourche Parish Council, convened in regular session on May 08, 2001, adopted Resolution No. 01-190 (see attached), a Resolution Supporting the Application of Funding from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources in the Amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the Design, Engineering and Construction of a Four-lane, High-rise Bridge in Leeville, Lafourche Parish, State of Louisiana.

If I may assist you with further information on this or other matters before you concerning Lafourche Parish Government, please contact me at (504) 446-8427, ext. 238, by fax at (504) 449-4012 or e-mail at lpccc@mobiletel.com.

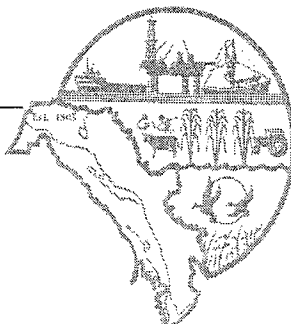
Sincerely,

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On motion by Mr. Darryl Marlborough, and with a unanimous second, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-190

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF FUNDING FROM THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) FOR THE DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-LANE, HIGH-RISE BRIDGE IN LEEVILLE, LAFOURCHE PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lafourche Parish Council, convened in a regular session on May 08, 2001, that it does hereby support the application of funding from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the design, engineering and construction of a four-lane, high-rise bridge in Leeville, Lafourche Parish, State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources; and Lafourche Parish President, Gerald Breaux; and the Lafourche Parish Department of Public Works.

**DARRYL MARLBROUGH, CHAIRMAN
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RE: RESOLUTION NO. 01-191

Dear Sir/Madame:

The Lafourche Parish Council, convened in regular session on May 08, 2001, adopted Resolution No. 01-191 (see attached), a Resolution Supporting the Application of Funding from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources in the Amount of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) for the Design, Engineering and Construction of the Conversion of the South Lafourche Flood Gate into a Lock Structure, Lafourche Parish, State of Louisiana.

If I may assist you with further information on this or other matters before you concerning Lafourche Parish Government, please contact me at (504) 446-8427, ext. 238, by fax at (504) 449-4012 or e-mail at lpccc@mobiletel.com.

Sincerely,

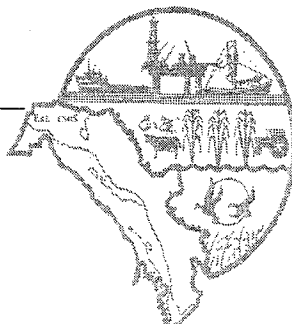
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On motion by Mr. Joseph Fertitta, and with a unanimous second, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-191

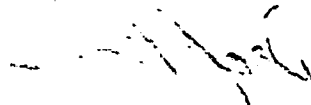
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF FUNDING FROM THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000) FOR THE DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONVERSION OF THE SOUTH LAFOURCHE FLOOD GATE INTO A LOCK STRUCTURE, LAFOURCHE PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lafourche Parish Council, convened in a regular session on May 08, 2001, that it does hereby support the application of funding from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources in the amount of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) for the design, engineering and construction of the conversion of the South Lafourche Flood Gate into a Lock Structure, Lafourche Parish, State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources; and Lafourche Parish President, Gerald Breaux; and the Lafourche Parish Department of Public Works.

**DARRYL MARLBROUGH, CHAIRMAN
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Subject: Louisiana Coastal Impact Assistance Plan

Dear Mr. Duszynski,

I attended the Public Hearing that you conducted Monday, June 11, 2001 at the U. L. Lafayette Coastal Wetlands Research Center. At that time I voiced my opposition the project proposal submitted by St. Martin Parish, IMPROVE FOUR MILE BAYOU ROAD, submitted by Parish President Scott Angelle.

Of all of the legitimate and urgently needed mitigation project categories as listed in The Coastal Assistance Program (CIAP) legislation, to construct an asphalt surfaced roadway for a majority of the length of Four Mile Bayou Road, undermines the stated Louisiana Department of Natural Resources goal: "where feasible, restore and enhance coastal resources so that loss of coastal wetlands"

Four Mile Bayou Road is a narrow gravel surface road on the eastern banks of Bayou Milhomme going north from Stephenville in Lower St. Martin Parish:

1. The road bed was constructed by dredging the adjacent swamp for fill material. The resulting canal is THE EASTERN SHOULDER OF FOUR MILE BAYOU ROAD. The western side of the road borders on the high water mark of Bayou Milhomme.
2. Annual seasonal flooding covers or washes out much of Four Mile Bayou Road. Maintenance and repair of the existing gravel surfaced road is a constant and continuing problem.
3. Converting this road to an asphalt surfaced roadway that would withstand the seasonal flooding, would require extensive roadbed enhancement to both foundation and elevation. Constructing this new roadbed can only adversely affect this unique wetland environment.
4. Use of Four Mile Bayou Road is enjoyed by a few individuals. T-Man's boat launching facility is the least accessible of several boat launching facilities in the Stephenville area.


Several years ago Four Mile Bayou Road served as a convent place to dump household, commercial, and industrial junk. Any thing from wrecked cars, boats, used appliances and furniture, and old tires lined the roadway and adjacent wetlands. In August 2000, the State Department of Environmental Quality and St. Martin Parish removed over 50,000 tires from the wetland swamp. The enclosed newspaper article and photos feature the tire dump At the end of Four Mile Bayou Road abutting T-Man's Boat Launching Facility. A asphalt surfaced roadway would encourage more vehicular traffic: A more convent opportunity to dump is a possible result

The environmental impact of the proposed Four Mile Bayou Road project is unknown, but history has told us again and again "If you build a road, they will come". Spending \$407,440.00 of taxpayers money to build a road to a remote private boat launching ramp reeks of political insensitivity to legitimate State, Parish, and the Community of Stephenville's goals and needs.

The new bridge project referenced in the St. Martin parish proposal is driven primarily by the numerous complaints expressed by boaters: The existing one lane pontoon bridge causes a traffic bottleneck, especially on weekends, for both automotive and recreational boaters. The use of this pontoon bridge is primarily for local traffic - large oil exploration or oil industry related vehicular traffic using the existing (or new proposed bridge) is minimal if not non-existent:

WHERE WOULD THEY GO? to T-MAN'S BOAT LAUNCHING FACILITY.

There are hundreds more legitimate and needed projects that support the purpose and intent of Coastal Impact Assistance Program. The \$407,440.00 of public funds requested to IMPROVE FOUR MILE BAYOU ROAD would be better allocated to A PROJECT THAT WOULD MEDIATE NEGATIVE OIL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION IMPACTS TO OUR STATE, PARISHES, AND COMMUNITIES.



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Shelly R. Arstein, " Ladder of Citizen Participation"

HIGH	- - - - -	8	CITIZEN CONTROL
	- - - - -	7	DELEGATED POWER
	- - - - -	6	PARTNERSHIP
	- - - - -	5	PLACATION
	- - - - -	4	CONSULTATION
	- - -	3	INFORMING
	- -	2	THERAPY
LOW	-	1	MANIPULATION

A. DEGREES OF CITIZEN POWER:

8. CONTROL OVER DECISION MAKING
7. CITIZENS ACTUALLY HAVE FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL OVER SOME ASPECT OF THE PLAN.
6. CITIZENS SHARE AUTHORITY AND ARE PART OF THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

B. DEGREES OF TOKENISM:

5. CITIZENS ARE APPOINTED TO BOARDS IN ADVISORY CAPACITIES WITH NO DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.
4. CITIZENS ARE CONSULTED BY HOLDING PUBLIC HEARINGS OR THROUGH ATTITUDE SURVEYS.
3. CITIZENS ARE INFORMED OF DECISIONS ALREADY MADE WHICH EFFECT THEM.

C. DEGREES OF NON-PARTICIPATION:

2. CITIZENS ATTENTION IS DRAWN AWAY FROM BASIC CAUSES OF LOCAL PROBLEMS AND EFFORTS ARE CENTERED ON CHANGING INDIVIDUAL REACTIONS (ATTITUDES) TO THE PROBLEM.
1. CITIZENS ARE ASSIGNED TO DO-NOTHING ADVISORY PANELS.



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

TIM P. COULON
PARISH PRESIDENT

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Hon. Jack Caldwell, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
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DNR - Office of Coastal
Restoration and Management

RE: Coastal Impact Assistance Plan

Dear Secretary Caldwell:

Please accept this letter as Jefferson Parish's written comment in reference to the public review period for the Coastal Impact Assistance Plan.

First, we want to compliment the Department of Natural Resources and the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities on producing the Coastal Impact Assistance Plan (CIAP) in such a short period of time. The project list in the plan appears to alleviate some of the problems associated with Louisiana's Coastal Zone and offsets some of the infrastructure needs caused by OCS development.

We are disappointed, however, that the "Bayou Dupont Dedicated Dredging Using Mississippi River Sediments" project, submitted jointly by Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes is not included in the plan. This project is a fairly significant extension of DNR's successful Bayou Dupont Dedicated Dredging Project, and includes dedicated use of sediment from the Mississippi River rather than borrowing it from our coastal bays, which also need additional sediment.

As stated in the application, Mississippi River sediments were used successfully by the LA-DOTD to build the foundation for LA-3134, the Lafitte-Larose Hwy. Both Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes feel that a demonstration project of this nature and magnitude needs to be accomplished so that the technique of moving large amounts of sediment across highway, railroad and levee systems can be proven as a viable way of restoring certain vital coastal areas. This innovative project would be an impressive showcase for CIAP's debut list of projects.

Every time we try to move large amounts of sediment from the Mississippi River, we turn to sediment diversions, and we have to deal with the extremely large volumes of fresh water associated with them. The proposed technique would not require such a large quantity of fresh water and, instead of trying to get the water to move the sediment where we need it, the sediment could be pumped precisely to where it's needed.

Therefore, Jefferson Parish respectfully requests that DNR and the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities adjust the "state only" portion of the plan to include "Bayou Dupont Dedicated Dredging Using Mississippi River Sediments" project, which was originally submitted for consideration by both Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes.

Thank you, in advance, for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Marnie Winter

Marnie Winter, Director
Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs

cc: Hon. Tim Coulon
Hon. Bennie Rousselle
Mr. Len Bahr
Mr. Randy Hanchey
Mr. Jerry Duszynski
Mr. Deano Bonano

STATE OF LOUISIANA
COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION
AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY MEETING

THE EXCERPT OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED PROCEEDING
WAS HELD AT THE LOUISIANA STATE LIBRARY, FIRST
FLOOR MEETING ROOM, NORTH FOURTH STREET, BATON
ROUGE, LOUISIANA, COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M., ON JUNE
27, 2001.

REPORTED BY:

ANGELA T. BULLOCH

CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER

COASTAL WETLANDS AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY MEETING

1 MR. DUSZYNSKI:

2 Since this is the last of the public input
3 and meetings, I would certainly request any
4 comments or input at this point. Sorry to rush
5 through it since we have so much on the agenda, but
6 we will not rush through your comments and
7 questions.

8 MR. MESH:

9 Joey Mesh. I'm the vice president of the
10 LTBA West, and I'm also a commercial craw fisherman
11 and official merchant helper and a sports
12 fisherman. The project in St. Martin Parish and
13 Four Mile Bayou Road, I was fishing a few days
14 back. I went yesterday into the Atchafalaya Basin
15 to run my crawfish nets, and when I was fishing, I
16 was fishing in the Bayou Pigeon area where I've
17 been directed four times to remove my nets or I was
18 going to get prosecuted or whatever, but I'm still
19 fishing. Anyway, when I left, I decided to go
20 through Stephenville and find this Four Mile Bayou
21 Road to see what kind of benefit it would have on
22 St. Martin Parish as far as coastal restoration and
23 wetland preservation. And I drove down and across
24 the little one-lane pontoon bridge that goes in
25 access to Four Mile Bayou Road, and it was paved,

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1 and I didn't know if I was going the right way or
2 place. It turned out that I was in the right area.
3 Get to the end of the pavement and you have a
4 limestone type road and the road -- they say it's
5 on the shore of Bayou Magazil (phonetic). From
6 what I see on the west bank of Bayou Magazil
7 (phonetic), it flows into the cypress bottom that's
8 adjacent to Bayou Magazil (phonetic).

9 On this side, you have a cypress swamp
10 with cypress trees, I mean, grass growing. It
11 looks like it holds water pretty much year round.
12 The road was developed apparently by digging and
13 establishing that roadway. It is supposed to be a
14 bank, but I think they made that bank. It was a
15 manmade bank which limited the flow from Bayou
16 Magazil (phonetic) into the swamp area where it
17 completely stops flow as far as fisheries going in
18 and out. But anyway, I see posted signs all along
19 this cypress bottom and swamp area, marked private
20 property but no owner's name on it, you know, no
21 trespassing, keep out. Three strands of barbed
22 wire entangled in the tree line all along, you know
23 what I am saying; it stops and it's broken anyway.
24 I meet up with this fellow, and I ask him, "Is this
25 all private property here?" He said, "Yes." And

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1 he's got a line of dirt, and he's shoveling it in
2 to build an area where it stops by the camps along
3 Bayou Magazil (phonetic). I said, "Well, who owns
4 it?" He told me the name of -- I forget the name
5 of the people who supposed to own it. Well, I
6 said, "Is it a corporation or what?" He said, "No.
7 It's a bunch of different owners." He said,
8 "There's about 5,000 of us." He said, "I'm one of
9 the owners." I said, "Oh." He said, "With 5,000,
10 we really can't do anything because we have so many
11 interest. I'm establishing it. I'm going to build
12 this up so maybe my kids might benefit. It's taken
13 a lot of work to build this all up." He's filling
14 this wetland up.

15 Anyway, I had seen enough because it is
16 sickening. I turned around. I had a place that I
17 could turn my boat around, and I headed out of
18 there. But I just wanted to see where our parish
19 is going to allocate federally funded money for
20 coastal restoration and wetland preservation. I
21 wanted to see where that money was going to go to.
22 And according to the explanation, it says by oil
23 fields. That little one-lane pontoon bridge can't
24 support much oil field traffic. And the little
25 fellow -- a couple of the guys walking the road --

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1 I guess they lived there or camped there or
2 whatever. I said, "Excuse me. Do you see much oil
3 field traffic coming back here?" He said, "No.
4 Hardly ever." So I was pretty much satisfied from
5 what I saw, you know, in St. Martin Parish. And as
6 a fisherman over there -- I'm thirty-two years old,
7 and my father was a commercial fisherman who was
8 brought up in the Atchafalaya Basin. He used to
9 live in Upper Grand River. His grandfather owned a
10 grocery store in Ganzaw (phonetic) on Upper Grand
11 River, and just from his stories and the telling of
12 the history of his coming up in the Atchafalaya
13 Basin and my own experiences, our Atchafalaya Basin
14 is in great need of restoration for water flow,
15 through our water bottom, sports fishing and
16 everything.

17 I mean, you read the articles everyday,
18 "Fisherman complaining can't catch fish anymore."
19 I, myself, just running nets in Bayou Pigeon, when
20 we had the rain that we had, it freshened up the
21 water. Then it slacked off to pretty much nothing.
22 The rains from Allison generated better water
23 farming condition in that area. My running -- the
24 little 400 nets jumped up to eighteen hundred
25 some-what pounds I caught. Well, right away that's

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1 when the price dropped after, but anyway that's
2 another issue. Well, after the water stagnated
3 from all this rain, it's just so pocketed you don't
4 have flow, you know what I am saying. It just
5 fills in pockets. My catch went down in two weeks
6 from 1800 pounds to 411. And I went up again
7 yesterday at 405 pounds, which at this time of the
8 year if conditions were right and the wind is
9 supposed to be in the Orleans area, I should be
10 catching a substantial amount of crawfish which
11 benefits tourism, which moves all over the
12 worldwide market, but anyway.

13 I'm sure you can understand my concern.
14 When I read something like this and I see that we
15 are going to pave a private road on a private boat
16 launch facility rather than increase water flow and
17 water quality and have it restored, that is my
18 concerns.

19 MR. DUSZYNSKI:

20 Thank you. We can certainly check with
21 the parish on your concerns. Please identify
22 yourself.

23 MR. JUNIOR:

24 My name is Charles K. Junior. I have a
25 master's degree in urban and regional planning from

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1 USL in Lafayette. I was the past planning
2 consultant for St. Martin Parish in 1995 until
3 2000. I've driven this road. I've mapped this
4 road. I've seen this road, and 80 percent of the
5 time that I've gone over this road, it was
6 underwater or parts of it was underwater. The road
7 is built from fill dredge from the swamp. There
8 was no road there. The only road that is there now
9 is mud water -- mud from the swamp. The entire
10 eastern shoulder is a canal. There is no shoulder.
11 Two large trucks cannot pass through on this road.
12 The western bank -- the western shoulder is the
13 high-water mark for the adjacent bayous. It is all
14 wetlands.

15 Just last year, last August, with the DEQ,
16 we took out over 50,000 tires from the end of this
17 road. Right next to it is (inaudible) boat
18 landing. If they black top this road, it is not
19 going to last a year. It's going to be washed
20 away. What purpose this road serves, I couldn't
21 identify it. It's just a big joke. This project
22 money should be used on something worth wild. This
23 project, you have to stretch your imagination to
24 even associate it with the state purposes of these
25 regulations and ordinances. Thank you.

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1 MR. HANCHEY:

2 Gerry, how much money is docketed for this
3 project?

4 MR. DUSZYNSKI:

5 Four hundred seven thousand.

6 MR. HANCHEY:

7 Four hundred seven thousand. Thank you.

8 MR. KEMP:

9 (Inaudible.)

10 MR. DAVIS:

11 I'm Mark Davis. I'm with the Coastal
12 Restoration of Coastal Louisiana. (Inaudible)
13 trying to come up with a program in a very short
14 period of time and guidelines is fairly late. But
15 we would urge that the project (inaudible). This
16 tends to appear a lot like an AG program. We got
17 money into the coastal impact work. A number of
18 projects are going toward bonafide local or
19 desirable need, but it is a stretch to figure out
20 what to figure out what the connection is to the
21 cause that was used to justify the investment.

22 When we went to Congress, a number of us
23 working on CARA, which is the catalyst, the issue
24 is our state has profound facts of our coastal
25 wetlands associated with (inaudible) oil and gas

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1 activities, and those have not been addressed.

2 When I see a list that has boat launches,
3 recreational beach nourishments, you know, a
4 project in my home town and I want it, you know,
5 but not necessarily from these funds. And I see
6 roadway projects, at least the documents that I've
7 seen, there is not any real justification what the
8 cause or connection is between that road's needs
9 and the declaration of our (inaudible).

10 I don't know if that information is going
11 to be forthcoming, but I urge that you get it
12 before this stuff moves too far because I will tell
13 you this was not a positive program in all states.
14 (Inaudible) producing states. In many ways this is
15 being used as a test to see what happens if we are
16 going to have a chance in getting the kind of
17 funding, professional funding, that you would get
18 through a Conservation and Investment Act. And I
19 would urge that the bar be set high, and again, I
20 recognize -- probably been a very happy (inaudible)
21 these projects, but we should have clear and
22 defensible explanation for every project we get.
23 And we should make sure that in the future years
24 because (inaudible) is being considered for
25 extension here (inaudible) CARA; that we recognize

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1 again the standards and the time and resources we
2 have to do this year should not be indicative what
3 when expects the future years. We should make sure
4 it doesn't happen. First of all, I would like to
5 see more detail explanations in particular with the
6 infrastructure recreation projects and how they
7 truly fit the spirit of this, not merely how they
8 slide in under consistency with an estuary plan.
9 Quite frankly virtually anything that is worth
10 doing can fit some aspect of those plans; that
11 wasn't the purpose of these funds, at least the way
12 it is described to the people. I have been told by
13 a number of folks, who are not supporters of CARA,
14 that they will be looking inside the coastal
15 states' spending dollars. I will urge that it is
16 in our long-term interest, again, (inaudible).

17 **MR. PETERSON:**

18 My name is Randall Peterson. I live here
19 in Baton Rouge. I'm a private land owner. I
20 (inaudible) the swamp land, and also I am a map
21 maker. I appreciate you leading into it. My
22 question and statement is, I was looking at page
23 eight of the (inaudible) seven delivery project,
24 and it reminded me of something I heard not long
25 ago about a thing called subsidence. And from what

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1 I understand, subsidence is when swamp land that
2 (inaudible) sometimes and bubbles come up and that
3 compresses the soil. Also soil subsides as the air
4 bubbles go out naturally. What occurred from what
5 I heard from a report on seven deliveries from the
6 Mississippi River and from, in this case, the
7 Atchafalaya River are not being -- soil is not
8 replenished. So I'm just curious how the other
9 projects that are mentioned today -- you mentioned
10 subsidence for our direct involvement with that.
11 My question to you is, are there particular areas
12 within each of these projects that talks about
13 subsidence specifically? And if there is not, I
14 recommend that there should included in something
15 and discuss it.

16 MR. DUSZYNSKI:

17 Well, if you are asking if each of these
18 of projects considered subsidence in their
19 selection or presentation, some of them are. I
20 know Plaquemine -- the sediment catching was part
21 of that. But one of the things I guess I need to
22 not necessarily remind you but to set the stage.
23 When the federal grant came to the state, there was
24 some guidelines that the federal agency gave to the
25 state saying, "Here is how you can run this

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1 particular program." And we had followed those
2 guidelines as far the project selection,
3 eligibility, that type. So when you look at the
4 qualifying items in here as far as what can be
5 selected, some of these projects, when they say
6 "impacts" it may not necessarily be environmental
7 impacts. It may be other impacts, so some of these
8 projects necessarily will not address that issue.
9 But I understand your concern and certainly any of
10 the wetlands projects proposed, we'll take that
11 into account.

12 MR. BAHR:

13 Any other questions or comments?

14 (No Response.)

15 Thank you, Gerry. As Gerry pointed out, one of
16 the major investments the state plans to make with
17 this fiscal impact business money is to supplement
18 a major project at Holly Beach, and I want to now
19 call on --

20 MR. BOWMAN:

21 Mr. Chairman, I think --

22 MR. BAHR:

23 Excuse me, Excuse me.

24 MR. BOWMAN:

25 The approval --